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Re: FCC File No. RM-9208 and FCC File No. RM-9242

Dear Chairman Kennard:

I am writing to comment on the above captioned proceedings, and to urge the Commission to take a different approach. We are one of the few remaining family owned broadcast groups, and the last thing we need is more radio stations of any type. Our company remains committed to serving our local communities through public affairs programming. We are also trying to preserve local live programming to the extent we can. These proposals would undermine our efforts. More stations even at very low power will be catastrophic to the remaining small operators like us.

Our company opposed the Telecommunications Act because we believed it would not serve the public interest. These proposals will only make matters worse for smaller broadcasters. The huge companies dominating our industry will only get stronger while small companies are squeezed between them and the new low power competition. Diversity will be further reduced in the process. Thanks for considering our concerns.

Sincerely,

Art Rowbotham
President

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